

REPORT TO: Council

DATE: 6 December 2023

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive

PORTFOLIO: Leader's

SUBJECT: Statutory Polling District and Polling Places Review

WARD(S) Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the results of the formal Polling District and Polling Places Review and put forward a revised polling scheme for approval.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

2.1 **The Council be recommended to adopt the Polling Places Scheme as detailed in the appendix to the report for the period 2024-2029.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 required the Council to carry out a review all of its polling stations every five years. The main purpose of the reviews is to ensure that all residents have reasonable facilities for voting.

As part of the review process we have to consult electors, councillors and other interested parties. Details of the review were on the Councils website. Comments were required by 13 November 2023 and those received have been taken into account.

The recommendations are detailed in the appendix.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific policy implications although it is important to ensure that all electors have equal access to polling stations and places in line with the Councils priority on accessibility of services. Subject to the decisions of the location of polling stations there may or may not be financial implications.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

N/A

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

N/A

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

N/A

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

N/A

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

N/A

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are no risk assessment implications.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUE**

8.1 Historically every effort has been made to make sure that all polling buildings are accessible for electors with disabilities. At the most recent elections problems were encountered with access for wheelchair users and action was taken on the day to enable the elector to exercise their right to vote. It is important to ensure that all electors have equal access to polling stations and places in line with the Council's priority on accessibility of services.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no climate change implications.

10.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.

APPENDIX

POLLING PLACES AND ELECTORATE

APPLETON WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
AP1	St Johns Church Hall, 134 Greenway Road, Widnes	1599	None
AP2	St Bedes Scout Hut, Appleton Village, Widnes	1263	None
AP3	Fairfield Primary School, Peelhouse Lane, Widnes	1558	None
AP4	Kingsway Primary Academy School, Widnes	483	None

BANKFIELD WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
BK1	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School, Widnes	1066	None
BK2	St Michael with St Thomas Church, Ditchfield Road, Widnes	484	None
BK3	Nursery Unit Oakfield Community Primary School< Widnes	1502	None
BK4	Community Room, Quarry Court, off Delamere Avenue, Widnes	824	None
BK5	Community Room, Naughton Fields, Liverpool Road, Widnes (shared with Highfield Ward)	1102	None

BEECHWOOD & HEATH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
BH1	St Clements Catholic Primary School, Oxford Road, Runcorn	1576	None
BH2	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Clifton Road, Runcorn	1566	None
BH3	Hillview Primary School, Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn	1611	None
BH4	Beechwood Community Centre, Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn	1269	None

BIRCHFIELD WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
BF1	Halton Farnworth Hornets ARLFC, Wilmere Lane , Widnes	1095	None
BF2	Function Room, Upton Tavern, Upton Lane, Widnes	3253	None
BF3	Mobile Polling Station, Galaway Ave, Widnes	1739	None

BRIDGEWATER WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
BW1	Wicksten Drive Christian Centre, Runcorn	1674	None
BW2	Brook Chapel, Boston Avenue, Runcorn	1574	None
BW3	Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street, Runcorn	1082	None
BW4	Halton Brook Community Centre, Meadway Runcorn	1371	None

CENTRAL & WEST BANK WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
CB1	Legends Bar, Halton Stadium, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes	2536	None
CB2	Widnes Academy, Cholmondeley Street, West Bank, Widnes	946	None
CB3	Halton & St Helens VCA, St Maries, Lugsdale Road, Widnes	1068	None
CB4	Kingsway Primary Academy School, Widnes	246	None

DARESBUY MOORE & SANDYMOOR WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
DM1	Sandymoor Community Centre, Pitts Heath Lane, Sandymoor, Runcorn	296	None
DM2	Milner Institute, Runcorn Road, Moore, Runcorn	675	None
DM3	The Lewis Carroll Centre, All Saints Parish Church, Daresbury Lane, Daresbury	3110	None

DITTON, HALE VILLAGE & HALEBANK WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
DH1	Hale Village Hall, High Street, Hale	988	None
DH2	Halebanks Youth Club, Baguley Avenue, Widnes	1284	None
DH3	Community Room Ditton Library, Queens Avenue, Widnes	1497	None
DH4	St Michael's Catholic Church, St Michael's Road, Widnes	1401	None

FARNWORTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
FW1	Lunts Heath Primary School, Wedgewood Drive, Widnes	2332	None
FW2	Farnworth CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Pit Lane, Widnes	1554	None
FW3	Farnworth Methodist Church Hall, Derby Road, Widnes	1122	None
FW4	Moorfield Primary School, Moorfield Road, Widnes (shared with Halton View Ward)	1099	None

GRANGE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
GR1	Bertha's Room, St Edwards Parish Centre, Ivy Street, Runcorn	1285	None
GR2	Grangeway Community Centre, Grangeway, Runcorn	1859	None
GR3	Halton Lodge Children's Centre, Grangeway, Runcorn	1939	None
GR4	Halton Lodge Community Centre, Whitchurch Way, Runcorn	527	None

HALTON CASTLE WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
HC1	The Brow Community Primary School, The Clough, Runcorn	1241	None
HC2	Castlefields Community Centre, Tyrell Way, Runcorn	2082	None
HC3	Castlefields Community Centre, Tyrell Way, Runcorn	223	None
HC4	Royal British Legion (Halton) Club, 1 Castle Road, Runcorn	1299	None

HALTON LEA WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
HL1	Hallwood Park Primary School, Hallwood Park Avenue, Runcorn	931	None
HL2	Palacefields Community Centre, The Uplands, Runcorn	1761	None
HL3	Bethesda Church, Lapwing Grove, Runcorn	1050	Not available 2024 looking for alternative venue
HL4	Brookvale Community Centre, Northwich Road, Runcorn	1325	None

HALTON VIEW WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
HV1	Moorfield Primary School, Moorfield Road, Widnes (Shared with Farnworth Ward)	563	None
HV2	Mobile Polling Station, Weates Close, Widnes	1438	None
HV3	St Ambrose Church Hall, Warrington Road, Widnes	1674	None
HV4	Crow Wood Pavillion, Crow Wood Park, Widnes	1706	None

HIGHFIELD WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
HF1	Community Room, Naughton Fields, Liverpool Road, Widnes (shared with Bankfield Ward)	885	None
HF2	Ditton Community Centre, Dundalk Road, Widnes	699	None
HF3	Widnes Rugby Union Football Club, Heath Road, Widnes	1671	None
HF4	The Frank Myler Pavillion, Liverpool Road, Widnes	883	None
HF5	St Peter & Paul Catholic High School, Highfield Road, Widnes	993	None

HOUGH GREEN WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
HG1	Upton Community Centre, Hough Green Road, Widnes	2011	None
HG2	All Saints Upton CE Controlled Primary School, Hough Green Road, Widnes	1567	None
HG3	Prescot Road Changing Rooms, Hough Green Road, Widnes	1727	None

MERSEY & WESTON WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
MW1	All Saints Parish Church, Church Street, Runcorn	1633	None
MW2	Victoria Road Primary School, Victoria Road, Runcorn	713	None
MW3	Westfield Primary School, Clayton Crescent, Runcorn	1059	None
MW4	Runcorn & District Food Bank,, Russell Road, Runcorn	995	None
MW5	Christ Church Hall, Sandy Lane, Runcorn	683	None
MW6	Weston Primary School, Lamsickle Lane, Runcorn	884	None

NORTON NORTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
NN1	Priory View Community House, 231-233 Lockgate West, Runcorn	736	None
NN2	Windmill Hill Primary School, Windmill Hill, Runcorn	782	None
NN3	St Bertelines CE Primary School, Norton Lane, Runcorn	2584	None
NN4	Gorsewood Primary School, Gorsewood Road, Runcorn	1486	None

NORTON SOUTH WARD

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Suggested Changes
NS1	Murdishaw Community Centre, Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn	2258	None
NS2	Brookvale Community Centre (Higher House), Old Northwich Road, Runcorn	1953	None
NS3	Preston Brook Village Hall, Sandy Lane, Preston Brook, Runcorn	5	None
NS4	Preston Brook Village Hall, Sandy Lane, Preston Brook, Runcorn	713	None